

Application Serial No.: 09/847,395
Reply to Office Action dated May 19, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 11, and 20-22 are presently active in this case, Claims 1, 3, 7 and 11 having been amended and Claims 20-22 having been added by way of the present Amendment. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-10, and 12-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer

Claims 12, 13, 18, and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of allowable Claims 12, 13, 18, and 19 has been incorporated into independent Claims 1, 7, 3, and 11, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 7, and 11 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, the rejections of Claims 1, 3, 7, and 11 are moot.

In addition, Applicants have added new Claims 20-22 to recite aspects of the invention in method claim format. Applicants submit that these claims are also patentable over the cited references in this case.

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein as they place the allowable subject matter into condition for allowance, and overcome all outstanding rejections.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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